DECLARATION

As the below named joint inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses, and citizenship are as stated below.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **METHODS OF FUNCTIONALIZING AND FUNCTIONALIZED METAL OXIDE PARTICLES AND MECHANICALLY STRONG AND TRANSPARENT OR TRANSLUCENT COMPOSITES MADE USING SUCH PARTICLES.**

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application, in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

PRIORITY CLAIMED

NONE

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We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112. We acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56, regarding events which occurred between the filing date of any such prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

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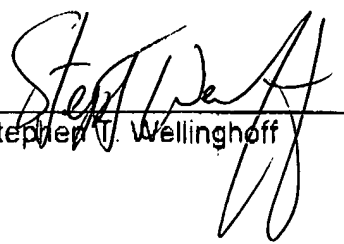San Antonio, Texas 78249
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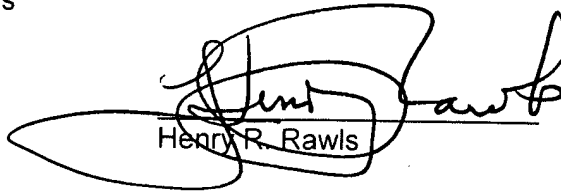Citizenship: United States

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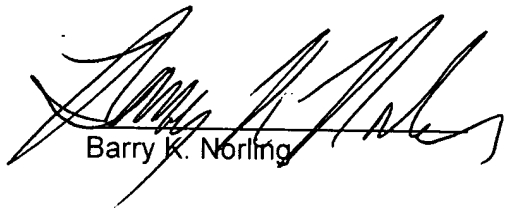__9/5/2000__
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